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Guild Mission Update

Spring 2024



**All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you,
O Lord, and shall glorify your name. – Psalm 86:9**

Training For Ministry



Eric has been teaching a course in the fall and spring semesters at NGCTC (Nairobi Great Commission Training College). He taught Christian Theology in the fall and is currently teaching Old Testament Survey. The students are a mix of younger and older Christians from across Kenya, and a few from other places like South Sudan. The graduates from NGCTC will begin serving in ministry roles in churches and mission points across Kenya and neighboring countries. Pictured above are church leaders from different congregations washing the feet of the graduates as part of their commissioning.

In December we enjoyed hosting two church leaders from Tanzania in Nairobi. Shadrack and Francis came to Nairobi to attend the NGCTC graduation as representatives from the extension school in Mwanza. They also visited about ten different churches in Nairobi and western Kenya over the next few days as we drove back to Tanzania together. Everyone we visited was encouraged and excited to make a connection with leaders from Tanzania.

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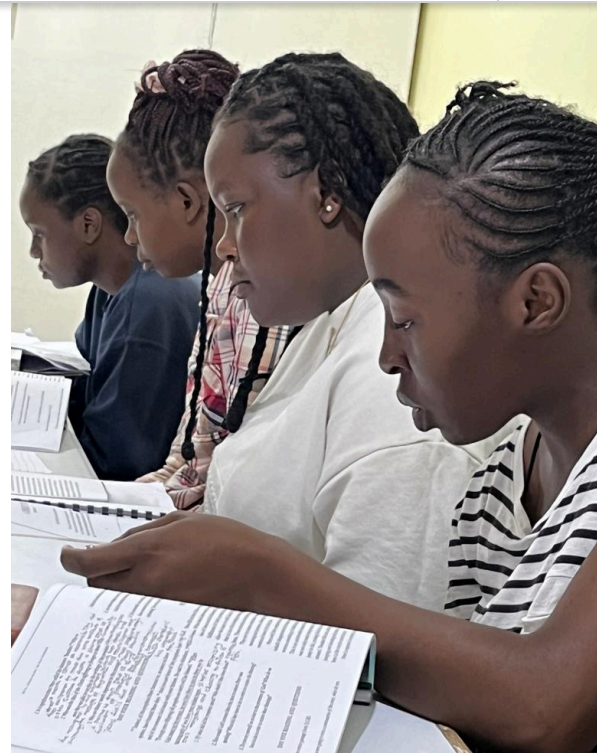
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Discipling Women in Nairobi



Susan continues teaching a class for women at KomaRock Church of Christ on Thursdays. We are currently studying the book of Acts together and looking at the work of the Holy Spirit and how the early church grew and spread even in the midst of great challenges. Each week we spend time reading and meditating on a chapter in Acts and reflect on what we learn from the reading and then discuss ways to apply faithful witness in our own lives. After our Bible study we pray in small groups and then we sit and drink tea together and enjoy time visiting (in a mix of Swahili and English) and sharing bits of our lives with each other. Many of the women are new believers and they are so eager to learn and study more about how to follow Jesus in their own lives. It is encouraging to witness their excitement and growth. There are also a few women who are more mature in their faith and it is encouraging to watch them emerging as leaders and mentors to the others in the class. Please continue to pray for this group of women as they study and grow in their faith together.



Ministry in Tanzania

The Mwanza churches have begun teaching their week-long courses in January and February. This year they have two cohorts which are the first and second year students. They have also had several church plants and baptisms. Several of these are at villages where they donated the water wells last year so this is very encouraging growth coming from the water well ministry and outreach. The pictures below are from baptisms at Mwabomba and Ikinga, and also of a group meeting for a church planting Bible study at Mwanangwa.





Fundraising for Water Wells in Tanzania

In early March, Eric was able to participate in a fundraiser for water wells in Denton, Texas, where former Tanzania missionaries, the Bentleys, live. The Singing Oaks CoC hosted this event after services on Sunday. People learned about the Sukuma church water program and walked several miles carrying water for the fundraiser. The goal was to raise funds for 4 wells—we raised 3/4—so more donations are welcome!



Family News

Our family is doing well overall. Matthew, Anna, and Rebecca are all still living in Abilene, Texas. Matthew is teaching 6th grade science in Abilene public schools.

Anna is a junior at Abilene Christian University studying Fine Arts and Graphic Design. Rebecca is a freshman at ACU and is now officially a Biology major with a certification for secondary education. Elisabeth is doing well at school and is in the 7th grade. She really enjoyed playing football (soccer!) with the Middle School Girls Team at Rosslyn Academy during season 2. Eric and Susan try to keep in touch with family and stay active by walking, biking and swimming.



Prayer Requests

Thank you for your financial and spiritual support of this ministry. Please pray for...

- Ongoing teaching and discipleship ministries in both Kenya & Tanzania
- Eric's upcoming trip to Tanzania (March 22 - April 5) and a group of 4 visiting Mwanza from Denton, TX
- Meeting with TTT board in late March, for continued growth & faithful development of ministries it supports (education, health, water, agriculture)
- Preparation and plans for a group of 10 coming from Little Rock, AR to visit us in Kenya in July
- Faithful leaders and families in the various churches and ministries

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